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To: Medicaid Waiver Participants, Advocates, and Interested Stakeholders

From: Lisa Hettinger, Administrator, Division of Medicaid 

Subject: Docket No. 16-0318-1501, Medicaid Cost Sharing

The Department would like to take this opportunity to provide an update regarding the Medicaid Cost Sharing Docket No. 16-0318-1501. The proposed changes in this chapter of rule would increase the Personal Needs Allowance from 150% of the Federal Supplemental Security Income level to 180% for waiver participants who reside in the community and are responsible for their rent or mortgage costs.

Due to the significant fiscal impact of the proposed change, this rulemaking will not move forward as a docket for consideration by the 2016 legislature. Instead, the change will be included in the Medicaid budget proposal that will be presented to the legislature for consideration. If funding is approved by the legislature, the change will then move forward as a new docket in 2016.

The anticipated effective date of the change remains July 1, 2016. Public hearings will be conducted in the spring of 2016 for temporary rules, not in October 2015 as originally scheduled.

If you have questions about this rulemaking, please call the Bureau of Long Term Care at (208) 287-1156.